IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) System [[(1)]] for the cultivation/movement of plants, comprising a feed/removal conveyor [[(4)]] extending adjacent to the cultivation surface [[(2)]] and means for moving plants from/to said feed/removal conveyor in a direction perpendicular to the direction of movement of said feed/removal conveyor in said cultivation surface, ~~characterised in that~~ said means ~~comprise~~ comprising a collection conveyor [[(5),]] adjoining said feed/removal conveyor, and a distribution device [[(6)]], said distribution device comprising a fork-like construction [[(16),]] for picking up/setting down the plant, fixed to a carriage [[(12)]] that can be moved between a pick-up/set-down position for said fork-like construction at the collection conveyor and a set-down/pick-up position in said cultivation surface.

2. (Original) System according to Claim 1, wherein said fork-like construction is designed for engaging a series of plants.

3. (Currently Amended) System according to Claim 1 [[or 2]], having a branch conveyor [[(17)]] positioned between said feed/removal conveyor and said collection conveyor.

4. (Currently Amended) System according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ Claim 1, wherein said conveyors have a surface supporting the plants.

5. (Currently Amended) System according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ Claim 4, wherein there is a guide [[(11)]] for said distribution device extending perpendicularly to said feed/removal conveyor over said cultivation surface.

6. (Currently Amended System according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ Claim 5, wherein said fork-like construction can be moved with respect to said carriage [[(12)]] in a direction parallel to said feed/removal conveyor.

7. (Currently Amended) System according to ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ Claim 6, wherein said collection conveyor [[(5)]] can be moved in a direction parallel to the feed/removal conveyor.

8. (Original) System according to Claim 7, having a branch conveyor that can be moved with said collection conveyor in said direction parallel to the feed/removal conveyor.

9. (Currently Amended) System according to Claim 7 [[or 8]], wherein said distribution device can be moved in a direction parallel to the feed/removal conveyor.

10. (Original) Method for the cultivation/movement of plants, comprising feeding/removing a group of said plants in a first horizontal direction, diverting some of said plants from the group in a second horizontal direction at an angle to said first horizontal direction and collecting said diverted plants in a third horizontal direction parallel to said first direction, picking-up said collected plants on raising them and moving said collected plants in a horizontal fourth direction at an angle to said first direction and, on lowering said plants, setting them down on a cultivation surface and vice versa.

11. (Original) Method according to Claim 10, wherein, after/when collecting said plants and/or when picking up said collected plants, said collected plants are moved in a direction parallel to said first direction.

12. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 10 [[or 11]], comprising first clearing a cultivation surface according to Claim 10 [[or 11]] and then providing plants on/in said cultivation surface according to Claim 10 [[or 11]].

13. (New) System according to Claim 2, having a branch conveyor positioned between said feed/removal conveyor and said collection conveyor.

14. (New) System according to Claim 2, wherein said conveyors have a surface supporting the plants.

15. (New) System according to Claim 3, wherein said conveyors have a surface supporting the plants.

16. (New) System according to Claim 1, wherein there is a guide for said distribution device extending perpendicularly to said feed/removal conveyor over said cultivation surface.

17. (New) System according to Claim 2, wherein there is a guide for said distribution device extending perpendicularly to said feed/removal conveyor over said cultivation surface.

18. (New) System according to Claim 1, wherein said fork-like construction can be moved with respect to said carriage in a direction parallel to said feed/removal conveyor.

19. (New) System according to Claim 2, wherein said fork-like construction can be moved with respect to said carriage in a direction parallel to said feed/removal conveyor.

20. (New) System according to Claim 1, wherein said collection conveyor can be moved in a direction parallel to the feed/removal conveyor.

21. (New) Method according to Claim 11, comprising first clearing a cultivation surface according to Claim 11 and then providing plants on/in said cultivation surface according to Claim 11.